to Czechoslovakia and increased supply of industrial raw materials by Czechoslovakia. It also included promotion of new forms of cooperation including joint ventures, participation in third country projects etc., and tourism between two countries, possible cooperation in various industrial sectors such as in the fields of iron and steel, machine tools and industrial machinery, tractors, etc. The sides also discussed organisation of specialised exhibitions and seminars for transfer of technology, direct links between the organisations and enterprises of the two countries etc.

(b) The position of Indo-Czecoslovak trade during the last five years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (P)	1988-89 (P)*
Export	71	70	74	103	60
Import	51	75	60	69	43

P - Provisional

*—April-September.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Trade between India and Saudi Arabia

2517. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been India's import from Saudi Arabia and export to that country during the last five years, year-wise and whether there has been any conserted attempt to step up trade between the two countries of late;

(b) whether a Saudi delegation of businessmen visited India recently and if so, what was the outcome of its talks held with Indian authorities;

(c) whether it offered the concessional finance being extended by Saudi Arabian Government and the banks which could be tapped by Indian companies to set up joint venture in Saudi Arabia, if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what has been the response of Indian businessmen in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Figures of bilateral trade between India and Saudi Arabia during the last five years are as follows:—

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Sl. No	Year	Export to Saudi Arabia	Import from Saudi Arabia
1.	1983-84 .	213.51	1069.0
2.	1984-85 .	271.81	1262.90
3.	1985-86 .	221.32	794.24
4.	1986-87* .	213.56	862.53
5.	1987-88* .	295.91	1386.96

*Provisional figures

Steps taken to increase the level of trade include bilateral discussions, participation in trade fairs and buyers sellers meets, encouragement to Indian companies to establish direct contacts with their counter-part organisations in Saudi Arabia etc.

(b) to (d) A delegation of businessmen from Saudi Arabia visited India from 26th February, 1989 to 5th March, 1989 at the invitation of the

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The delegation discussed with the Indian businessmen possibilities of setting-up of joint ventures in Saudi Arabia and Indian. Bilateral matters concerning trade and investment were also discussed. No offer for concessional finance was however made by the Saudi delegation.

The Indian business community has responded positively to cooperate with Saudi businessmen for promotion of trade and setting up joint ventures in either country. Specific projects, however, were not discussed.

Export of Agricultural Commodities by STC

2518. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the agricultural commodities being exported alongwith the quantity thereof during the last two years, countrywise;

(b) the share of the State Trading Corporation in the above commodities in terms of quantity with value and destination; and

(c) what are the targets set for the current season in respect of agricultural commodities for export alongwith estimated earnings and quantity and the share of STC in the total export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) A Statement is attached [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 138].

(b) A Statement is attached [*See* Appendix CXLIX Annexure No. 139]

(c) The targets set for the current year 1988-89 are in value terms i.e. Rupees crores Targets and expected realisations are as below:—

	Target	E xpected earnings
Cashew Kernels	285	270
Tobacco	110	110
Oil Meals	250	290—300
Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Meat and products, other processed Foods	400	375
Rice	350	300
Wheat	None	—
Spice	300	260
HPS Groundnut	15	25
Sugar	16*	The target is expected to be achieved.

*Target fixed on the basis mainly of USA, EEC preferential quotas.

No specific tagets have been fixed for STC as share in total exports.

बनारसी-वस्त्रों के निर्माण के लिए कच्चे रेशम का आवंटन

2519. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1987-88, 1988-89 वर्ष में वाराणसी में बनारसी वस्त्रों के निर्माण के लिए कितने कच्चे रेशम का आवंटन किया गया;